

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



August 11, 1998

COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 98/99-14

TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS
COUNTY AUDITOR CONTROLLERS
COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS

REFERENCE: COUNTY FISCAL LETTER NO. 97/98-62 DATED JUNE 10, 1998
ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 98-51 DATED JULY 7, 1998

SUBJECT: COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE CLAIM
INSTRUCTIONS – PERMANENT SUSPENSION OF ALL ARIZONA
BOYS RANCH PLACEMENTS

Counties were notified in County Fiscal Letter (CFL) 97/98-62 dated June 10, 1998, that no state or federal foster care funding could be claimed for any new placements made in the Arizona Boys Ranch (ABR) after March 5, 1998. The funding suspension policy was to be in effect until the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) completed an investigation into the death of a California child placed in the ABR. In All County Letter No. 98-51 dated July 7, 1998 (attached), counties were notified that the investigation was completed and payments for all pre-existing placements in the ABR would no longer be eligible for state and federal funding effective August 1, 1998.

All counties will have until August 1, 1998 to move any California placements in the ABR in order to continue receiving state and federal financial participation for these placements. Therefore, effective August 1, 1998 counties may no longer claim state or federal foster care maintenance payment costs for ABR placements on any of the county assistance claims listed in the above-referenced CFL. Any foster care maintenance costs listed on the county assistance claims for children remaining in the ABR after August 1, 1998 will not be reimbursed with state or federal funding. This restriction also applies to any foster care funding provided pursuant to the Comprehensive Youth Services Act.

If you should have any questions regarding the above claiming instructions, please contact the Fiscal Policy Bureau at (916) 657-3440.

***Original Document signed by
George E. Peacher, Jr. on 8/11/98***

GEORGE E. PEACHER, JR., Chief
Fiscal Systems and Accounting Branch

Attachment

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July 7, 1998

ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 98-51

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERSREASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☐ State Law Changes
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF STATE & FEDERAL FUNDING FOR PLACEMENTS AT
ARIZONA BOYS RANCH

The purpose of this All County Letter is to inform you that the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has completed its investigation of the March 2, 1998 death of a California child at Arizona Boys Ranch.

The CDSS has concluded that the March 5, 1998 moratorium imposed on federal Title IV-E and state foster care funding for new placements at Arizona Boys Ranch and the suspension of new placement requests under the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) shall continue. Effective August 1, 1998, no California children at Arizona Boys Ranch will be eligible for federal Title IV-E or state foster care funding. You will be receiving a follow-up County Fiscal Letter issuing related claiming instructions.

All placement agencies should immediately begin planning for alternative placements for all children remaining at Arizona Boys Ranch and to arrange for their safe return. Please inform the Deputy ICPC Administrator, Ernestine Barbieri at (916) 445-2807, of your placement plans for each youth you have in residence at Arizona Boys Ranch.

If you have any questions, please contact Marjorie Kelly, Deputy Director, Children and Family Services Division at (916) 657-2614.

Sincerely,

ELOISE ANDERSON
Director